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RE: Time Change proposed for Wayne County, Ky. to change from Central time zone to Eastern time zone.

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Public hearing to be held on Thirsday, JUNE 24, 1999

Since I will be on vacation at that time, I want to send this letter protesting the change and some of the reasons for our decisions:

Resume of persons living in our household who are against the change

Charles F Cooper, age 63, local businessman, has been in business for 20 years and has lived here for most of his life, at least 55 years. His customers are all against the time change

Betty C Cooper, (Mrs. Charles F), age 69, born here, lived here all but 5 years of my life. Work now and for the past 33 years at First Southern National Bank and have enjoyed the time we have all this time. I am able to add or subtract, whichever the case may be, to get to appointments, etc in places where Eastern time zone is observed.

James T Cooper, son, age 36, teacher in Monticello Independent High School for the past 12 years, has lived here all his life wxcept for college. HE has always liked Central Time. If we change, this is going to change the time for school to start, dismiss , etc'. Ball games will be affected, and he also liked this time because most college kids come home on weekends and this gives them an extra hour on FRiday.

Mae Cooper, mother of Charles, age 83, has lived in Central time zone all her life and likes to watch television. This will make our going to bed time one hour later, in order to watch programs which are now over at 10 Central Time.

Our neighboring county to the south, Clinton, had an open hearing on this change for their county, 40 people came who were against it and none for it. We have lots of people who live here and work in Clinton County and vice versa. Change would create problems for them. These people incldde teachers, factory workers and people working at Cagle Chicken plant which just opened last year and created lots of jobs for this area and they did it all on Central time.

other reasons for keeping time as is follow on next page

Proponents for time change use these arguments:

1. People who are for it do not even live in this county. They live in Pulaski, our neighbor to the north, one has a business here which has been here for about 2 years. They can either move here or live with their decision to work here
2. Most people who say they are for it because they can't get up in time to keep Doctors appointments in next county are retired and do not have to get an appointment at the break of dawn anyway.
3. Some peoples who are for the change, are people who are retired and have moved here from Ohio, etc. where the time was Eastern. they knew when they moved here what time we had, so I do not think they should come from other places and try to change our county . They can go back where they came from
4. Some obviously can't add or subtract and say they can't keep up with 2 time zones. Some of these are business people who one would think could compute.
5. We are not on a railroad, major interstate or river and never will be, so to say that changing our time will help us economically, is ludicrous.
6. There will be no automatic increase in pay , as some of our magistrates have implied, because of a time change.
7. two businesses, who moved here from other places, say they forget to order parts, supplies, etc until too late in the day and their supplier is closed because they are on "fast" time. We have lots and lots of successful businesses who have been in business for over 50 years and they don't have a problem with this. Of course, they are peoples who were born here and lived here all their life. They like our community just as it is/. They have no problem remembering when to order.
8. If we go to Lexington, etc where Eastern time is observed, we gain an hour coming home( a gift of one hour really) My grandchildren live in Lexington and We go up there every other Saturday to spend the day. We leave early and get back early, which gives us another hour coming home.

There is no good valid reason for changing, just a matter of politics, which changes everything anyway, but is not right, . Radicals who like to control everything for their own benefit and cause controversy are the only ones who do want a change. Our magistrates voted two for and two against a change. Our judge stated he was not for it, but broke the tie with a yes vote.

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